

In the Claims

Kindly amend claims 1 and 9-13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A golf ball comprising:

a core;

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an inner cover layer molded on said core, the inner cover layer comprising a high acid ionomer including greater than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid; and

an outer cover layer molded on said inner cover layer, said outer cover layer comprising a relatively soft polymeric material selected from the group consisting of low flexural modulus ionomer resins and non-ionomeric elastomers.

9. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the non-ionomeric elastomer is a polyurethane.

10. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the non-ionomeric elastomer is a polyester elastomer.

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11. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the non-ionomeric elastomer is a polyester amide.

12. (Amended) A multi-layer golf ball comprising:

a spherical solid core;

an inner cover layer molded over said spherical solid core, said inner cover layer comprising an ionomeric resin including greater than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid and having a modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi;

an outer cover layer molded over said inner cover layer to form a multi-layer golf ball, the outer layer comprising a blend of i) a sodium or zinc salt of a copolymer having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and an unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and ii) a sodium or zinc salt of a terpolymer of an olefin having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, methacrylic or acrylic acid and an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 1 to 21 carbon